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SUBJECT: REVISION OF BELIZEAN NARCOTICS LAWS

1. DURING CONVERSATION SEPT. 10, JUSTICE ARTHUR DICKSON ADVISED ME HE IS NOW WORKING ON BELIZEAN NARCOTICS LAWS (DICKSON IS HERE ON CONTRACT TO REVISE AND UPDATE WHOLE BELIZE LEGAL CODE). HE HAS CONFERRED WITH LOCAL POLICE, MEDICAL AND OTHER EXPERTS AND SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY THOUGHTS I MIGHT HAVE. I SAID I NOT A LEGAL SPECIALIST BUT NOTED MY BELIEF THAT IN STATES WE MAKING GREATER AND GREATER DISTINCTION BETWEEN HARD AND SOFT NARCOTICS. RIGHT NOW, BELIZE LAWS MAKE LITTLE OR NO DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN, SAY, COCAIN AND MARIJUANA. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT BELIZE SHOULD FOLLOW ALONG SIMILAR LINES, WITH SEVERE PENALTIES FOR HARD DRUGS, AND SUZTANTIALY LESS SEVERE FOR POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF POT FOR PERSONAL USE. I ALSO SUGGESTEDH THAT THOUGHT MIGHT BE GIVEN TO HEAVIER PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKERS IN POT (HARVET DAIL, FOR EXAMPLE) AS COMPARED TO A TOURIST WITH A JOINT OR TWO FOR STRICTLY PERSONAL USE. DICKSON NODDED IN AGREEMENT; HE ALSO INTIMATED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY MATERIAL WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PASS ALONG TO HIM.

2. DICKSON IS OLD FRIEND FROM HIS SERVICE ON HIGH COURT IN UGANDA; I BELIEVE HE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING WE MIGHT
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BE ABLE TO DO AS HE SEEMED NOT ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH LOCAL EXPERTS. TIME IS IMPORTANT AS HE IS NOW WORKING ON NARCOTICS SECTION AND HAS A FAIRLY TIGHT SCHEDULE.

3. ANY SUGGESTIONS DEPT, PERHAPS IN COORDINATION WITH DEA, MIGHT CARE TO PASS ON WOULD BE WELCOME. WE ARE AWARE, OF COURSE, THIS IS HIGHLY COMPLICATED MATTER ABOUT WHICH DEPT MAY NOT

CARE TO SPEAK.
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